

Cougar/Squak Corridor Park Community Meeting

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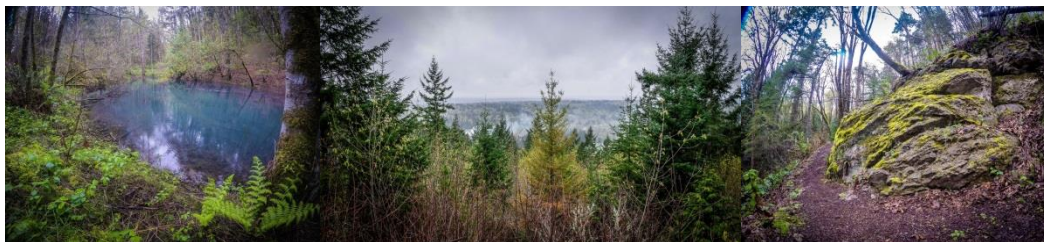
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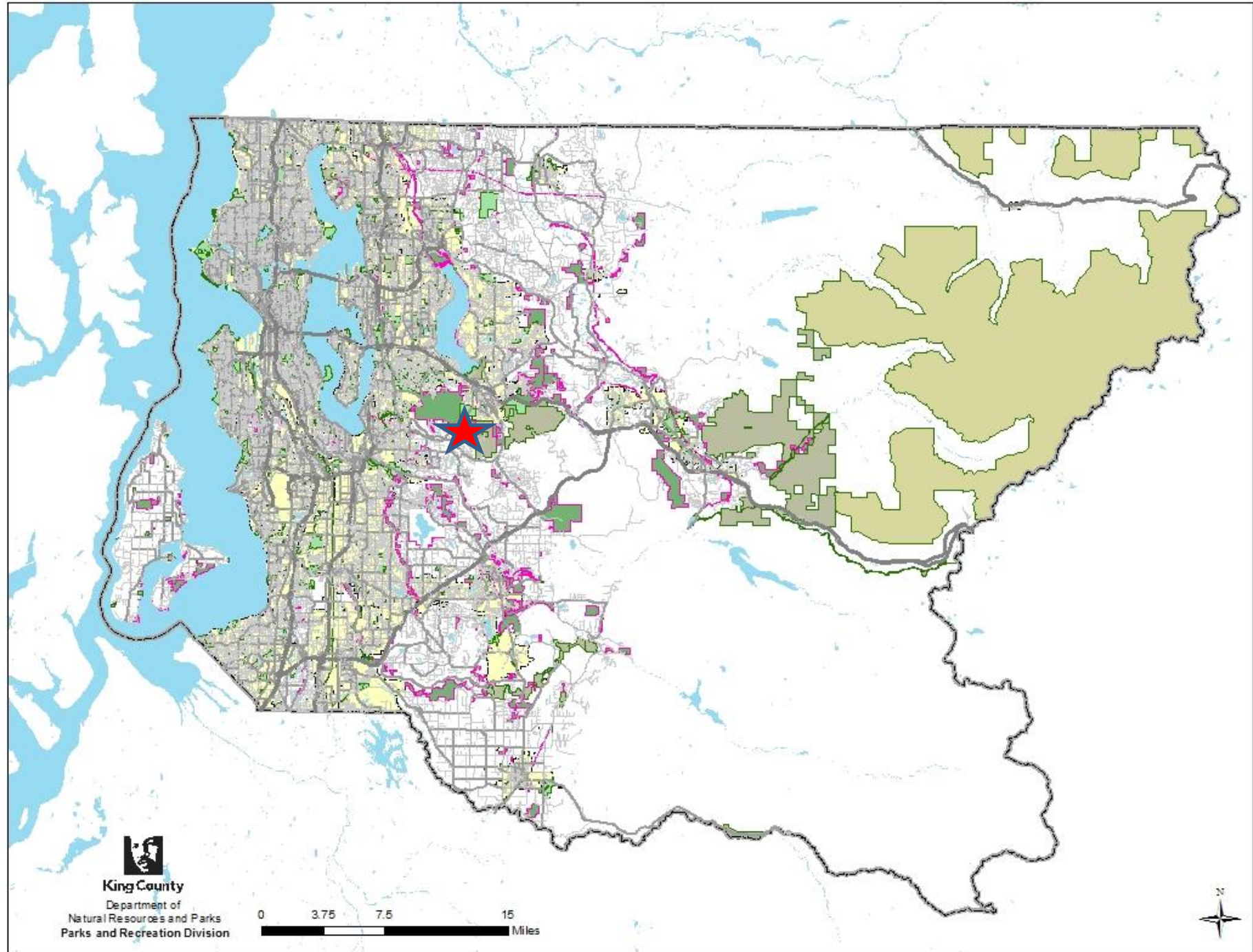
Community Meeting Overview

1. Introduction
2. Project Review
3. Draft Recommendations
4. ***Community Input***
5. Next Steps

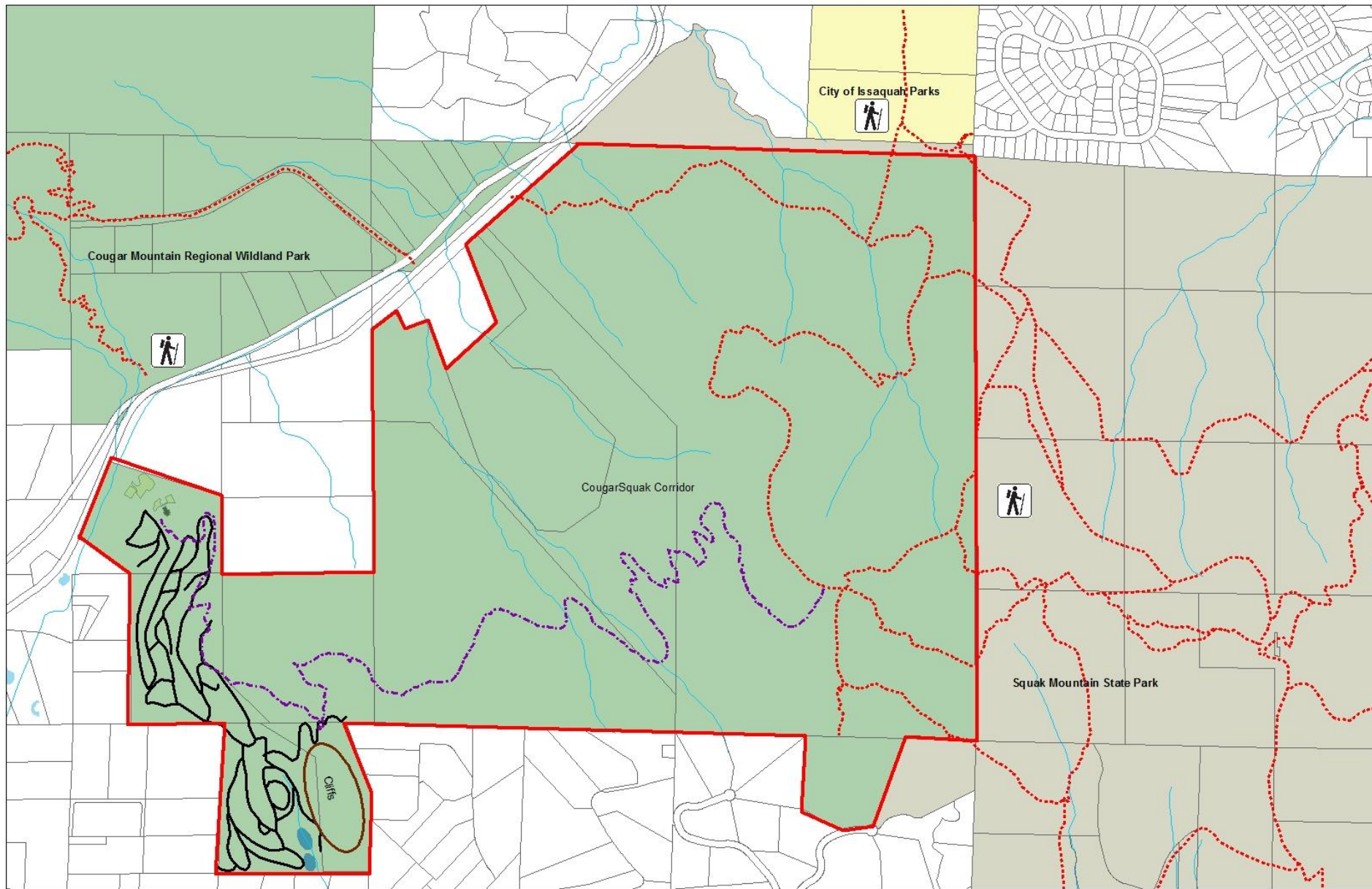


Tributary to May Creek at Cougar/Squak Corridor





Cougar/Squak Corridor Park





Project Goal:

Define uses and amenities for
Cougar/Squak Corridor Park

Meeting Goal:

Review draft recommendations and
suggest improvements

TIMELINE

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY -
SEPTEMBER

Pre-planning

Community
Meeting #1

Cougar/Squak
Park Opening

Integrate New
Findings

Preliminary Findings
& Design Workshop

Community
Meeting #2

Finalize Site
Management
Guidelines

Steering
Group #1

Steering
Group #2

Cougar/Squak
Corridor

Community Planning Timeline



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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Steering Group

- Refine criteria
- Convene community
- Verify findings

Community

- Provide ideas for park

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- Listen
- Develop site management guidelines



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GROUND RULES

- Everyone participate
- Be respectful
- Seek community's highest good
- Listen to others and be open to new ideas
- Improve upon ideas where possible

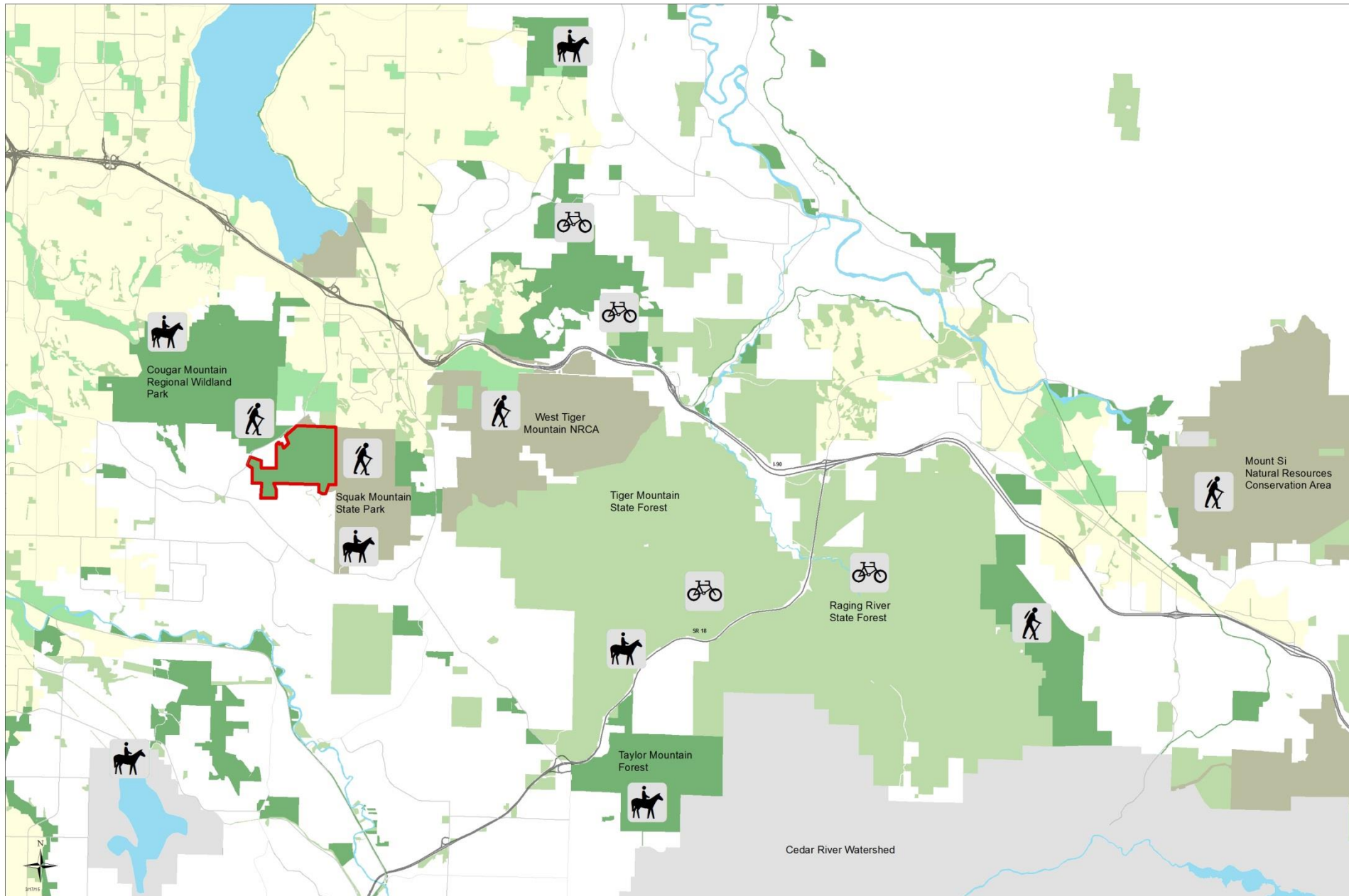


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BACKGROUND





**Traditional uses at
King County Parks:**

Hiking

Biking

Horseback riding



Non- traditional uses at King County Parks:

Radio flying field
Reflexology paths
Challenge course
Mountain bike park

BACKGROUND

Policies:

King County Comprehensive Plan

2010 Open Space Plan

King County Code

Conservation Easement

Funding (land and operations):

Parks Levy

Grants

Partnerships



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CRITERIA

Uses and amenities at Cougar/Squak Corridor:

- Attract people to the park
- Encourage partnerships
- Scaled to available parking
- Fit with uses at neighboring parks
- Fit with intent of original land purchase
- Maintenance friendly and safe
- Fit with policy guidance
- Protect environment
- Benefit future generations



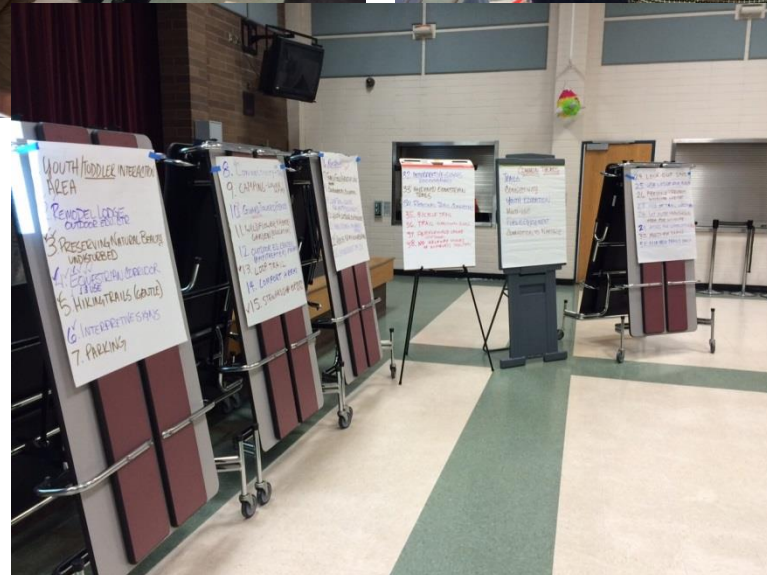
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First Community Meeting

Generating ideas



Community Ideas

Young child/nature interaction are
Environmental education facilities
(improve lodge or new
construction)

Preserve natural beauty leave areas
undisturbed for wildlife

Equestrian use and corridor

Hiking trails (variable skill levels)

Interpretive signs/trails

Parking

Connectivity of trails

Education/recreation programs/day
camps

Loop trails

Amphitheater/gathering place

Bathrooms, sitting areas

Stewardship opportunities

Viewpoints along trails

Events and rentals of lodge

Camping

Wildflower and herb garden/education
about native plants

Mix of trail uses/types

ADA access

Hiking use only

Regional trail connections

Bicycle trail for kids

Directional signs on trails

Guard towers and perimeter fence for
wildlife protection

Hardened equestrian trails

No halfway houses or homeless shelters

Disc golf

Canopy tour challenge course

Design Workshop



Themes
Values
Amenities
Project "DNA"

Draft Recommendations

First Priority

- Support environmental education
- Leave some areas undisturbed
- Canopy tour course
- Create hiking trails for all abilities
- Park Zones
- Gathering places
- Loop hiking trails

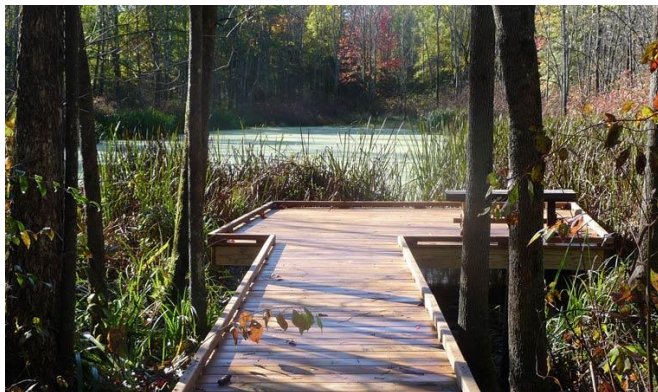
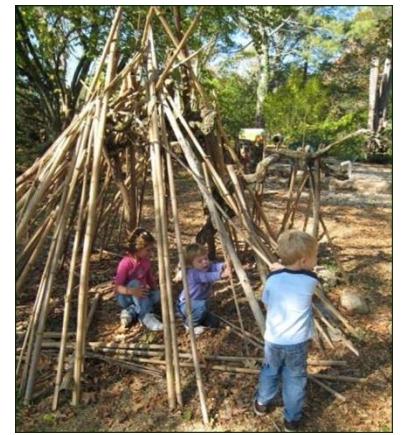
Future Actions

- Pedestrian and wildlife connections across SR 900
- Acquire land for parking and access
- Powerline trail

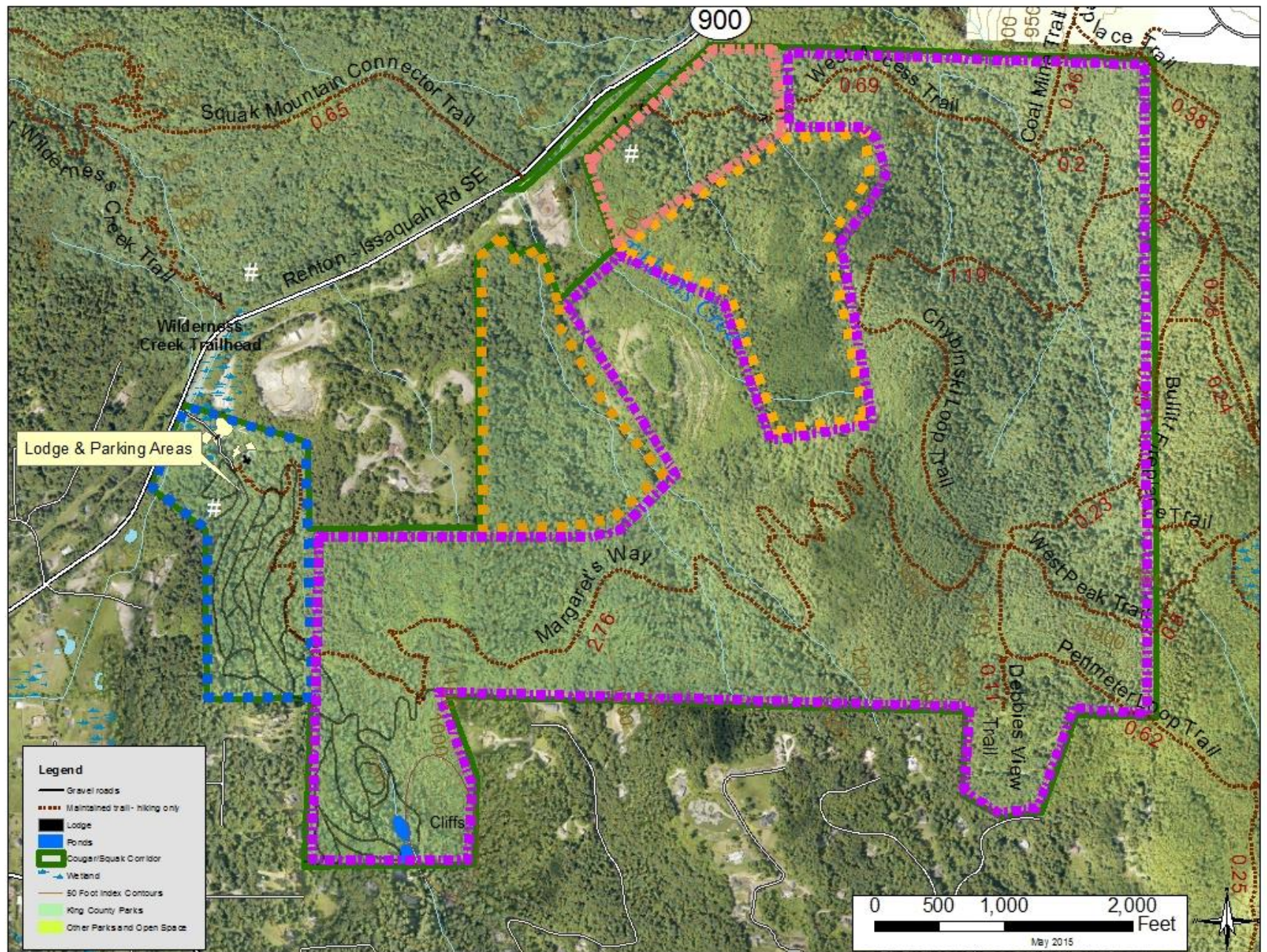
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EXAMPLES

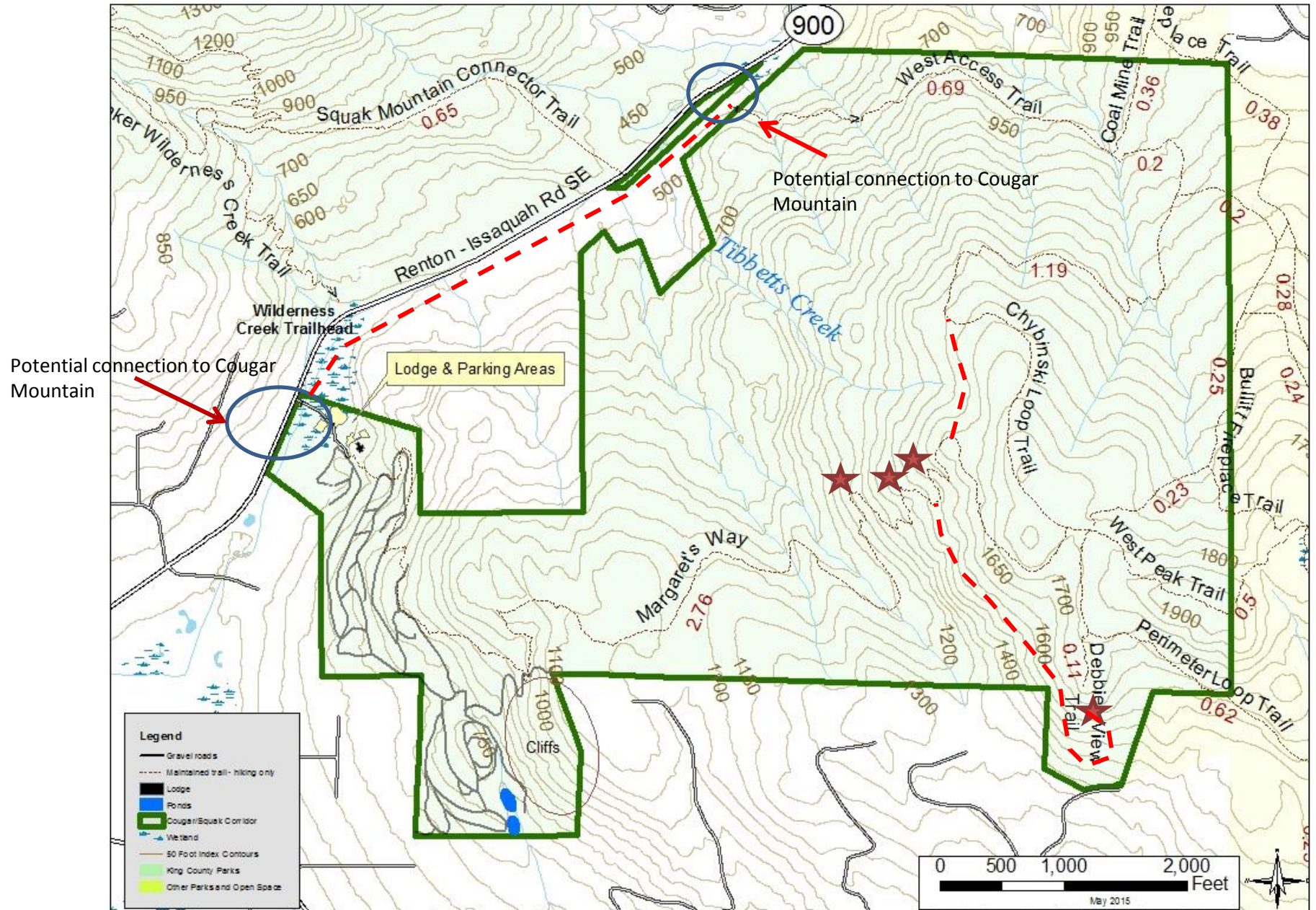


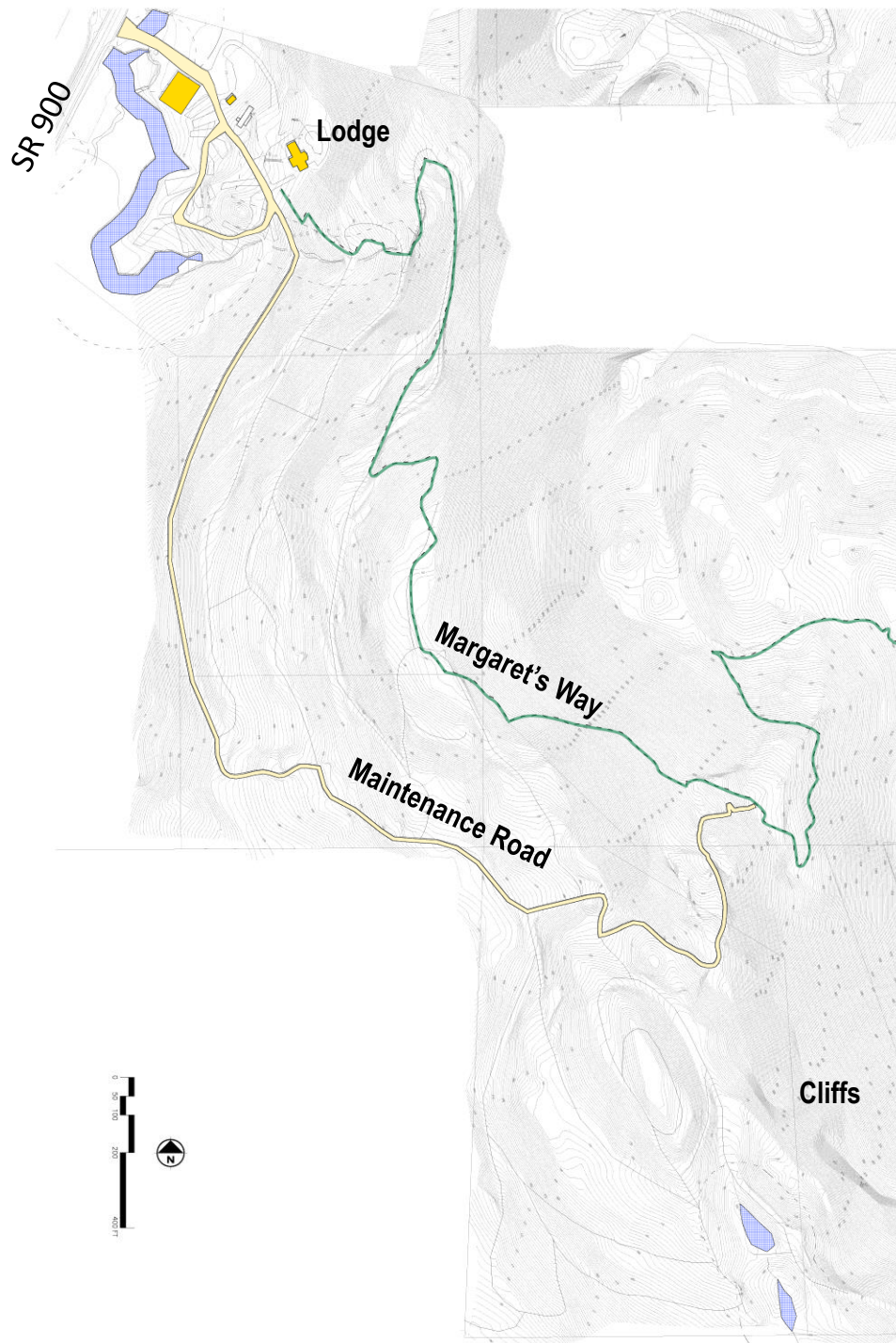


Zones

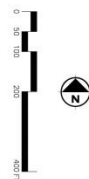
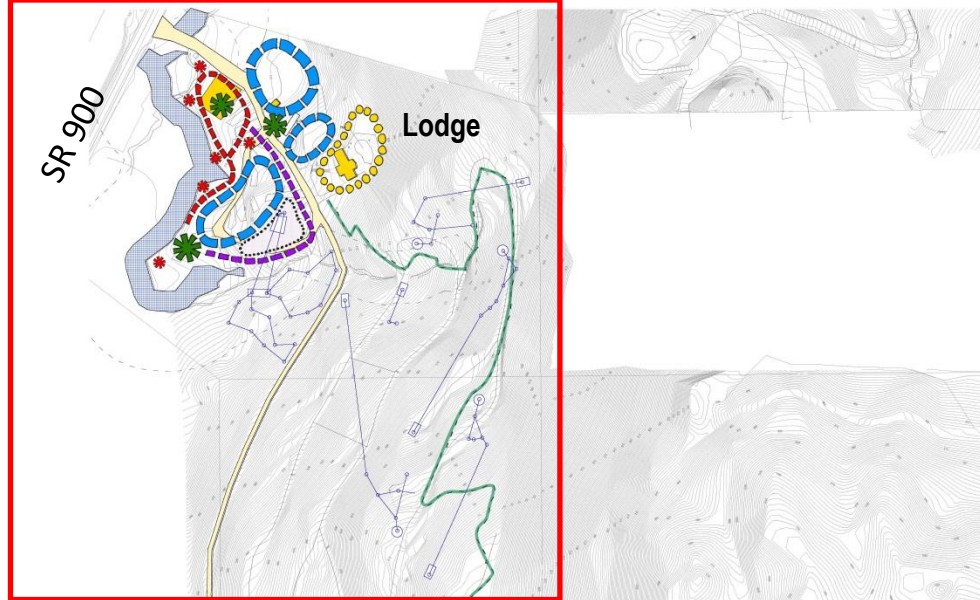


Trail Recommendations

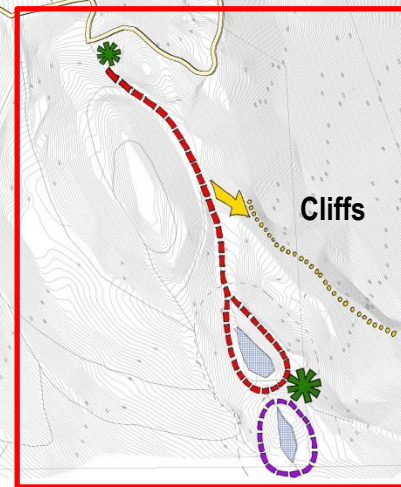




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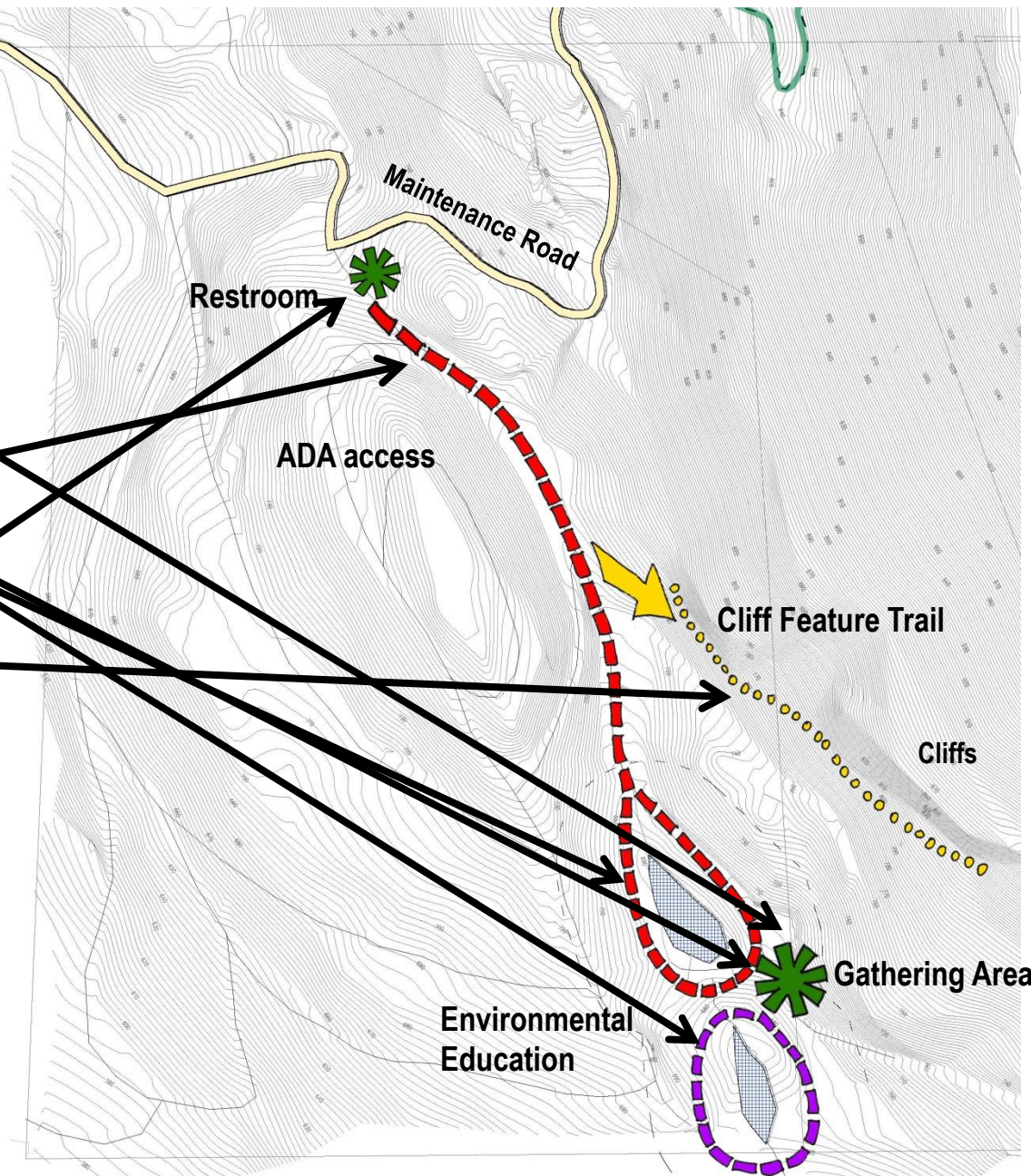
Margaret's Way
Maintenance Road



UPPER
ACTIVE
AREA

UPPER ACTIVE AREA

- Reflective Meadow
- Gathering Area (platform or shelter)
- ADA access
- Youth Environmental Education – large or small groups
- Cliff feature trail
- Restroom



LOWER ACTIVE AREA

- Nature Play
- Gentle trail with ADA access
- Youth trail
- Interpretive trail
- Gathering area near parking
- Restroom and kiosk
- Lodge - environmental education
- Parking
- Bus drop off
- Challenge Course
- Gathering Area

SR 900

Lodge



Maintenance Road

Margaret's Way

QUESTION

Do you have any ideas to improve upon the draft recommendations?



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NEXT STEPS

April 29	Steering group meeting #1
May 27	Community meeting #1
May 28	Planning workshop
June 6	Site opening
June 10	Steering group meeting #2
June 17	Community meeting #2
Fall	Site management guidelines



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Provide your ideas

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